

BRITISH CARGO CODE

Shipping Protest, Made Public in Washington, Cites Hindrance to American Commerce Because of New and Individual Policy—Full Text of Document.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Violation of the rights of the United States through pursuance of a contraband policy, framed according to British principles alone and solely from the British point of view, is the theme of the protest sent to Great Britain by the United States against seizure of American cargoes.

The notes show that Great Britain was warned that conditions have been serious because of interruptions of American trade and that continuation of the present British policy might arouse feeling contrary to that which has so long existed.

The full text of the note, which is dated at the State Department December 28, follows: "The present condition of American foreign trade, resulting from the frequent seizures of neutral American cargoes destined to neutral European ports, has become so serious as to require a candid statement of the views of this Government on the subject."

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NO HARSH JUDGMENT TAKEN.

"The Government of the United States has viewed with growing concern the increasing number of seizures of American goods destined to neutral ports in Europe which have been seized on the high seas, taken into British ports and detained by the British authorities."

FIVE MONTHS AND NO CHANGE.

"It is, therefore, a matter of deep regret that, though nearly five months have passed since the war began, the British Government has not materially changed its policy and does not treat less rigorously ships and cargoes passing between neutral ports in the peaceful pursuit of lawful commerce."

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"The Government of the United States readily admits the full right of a belligerent to visit and search on the high seas the vessels of American citizens or other neutral vessels carrying American goods and to detain them if there is sufficient evidence to justify a belief that contraband articles are in their cargoes."

RELIES ON FRIENDSHIP.

"The Government of the United States, still relying upon the deep sense of justice of the British nation which has been the basis of the friendly relations between the two countries during so many years of uninterrupted friendship, expresses confidently the hope that his Majesty's Government will realize the obstacles and difficulties which this present policy has placed in the way of commerce between the United States and the neutral countries of Europe and will instruct its officials to refrain from all unnecessary interference with the freedom of trade between nations which are suffering though not participating in the present conflict."

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CONTRABAND QUESTION.

"In the case of conditional contraband the policy of Great Britain appears to be the establishment of a rule of international law, the evidence of which is directed to the fact that a number of the American cargoes which have been seized consist of foodstuffs and other articles of common use in all countries which are admittedly relative contraband."

FEAR ENEMY MIGHT BENEFIT.

"It also appears that cargoes of this character have been seized by the British authorities in violation of the law, though not originally so intended by the shippers, they will ultimately reach the territory of the enemies of Great Britain."

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YEAR'S RANGE OF PRICES ON N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns for stock names (Alaska Gold Mines, American Copper, etc.) and price ranges (High, Low, 1914, 1915).

SUFFRAGISTS TO GIVE TEA

Cards Announce Function at Headquarters January 6. The Philadelphia Committee of the Woman Suffrage party of Pennsylvania has sent out cards for a tea to be held at the headquarters, 171 Chestnut street, on Friday afternoon, January 6, from 4 to 6 o'clock.

FAILURES FOR THE WEEK

According to Dun & Co., commercial failures this week in the United States are 481, against 378 last week, 449 the preceding week and 381 the corresponding week last year.

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM A. SCRIPPS. PARADISE, Cal., Jan. 1.—William A. Scripps, millionaire publisher, died at his home here yesterday. He was the founder of the Scripps Home for Aged Persons, established here two years ago.

JOHN L. SMITH

WEST CHESTER, Jan. 1.—John L. Smith, head of the board of directors of the Poor of Chester County, died at his home in Chester Springs yesterday.

WILLIAM R. KLEIN

ALLENSTOWN, Pa., Jan. 1.—William R. Klein, former cashier of the Second National Bank and ex-chief of the Otis-Crother of Lehigh Valley, died yesterday from an attack of indigestion in the ambulance while being hurried to the Allentown Hospital.

Funeral of William A. Page

William A. Page, a retired business man and brother of Louis R. Page, vice-president and treasurer of the Crozer Coal and Coke Company, will be buried tomorrow morning, from his late home, 415 South 15th street, following a protracted illness.

Funeral of George D. Shannon

The funeral of George D. Shannon, 67 years old, long a manufacturer of boat sails and at one time a dealer in Russian caviar, with an extensive hotel trade, will take place Sunday afternoon from his late home in Pennacross, N. J. He died Wednesday at St. Luke's Hospital, this city, where he had suffered a relapse following an operation. He is survived by his son, Byron G. Shannon, a pharmacist.

Deaths

AGENCY.—On December 29, 1914, MARY, daughter of William and Katie Agony. Funeral services on Friday, at 8 p. m., at the residence of her mother, 1014 Locust street, on Saturday morning, at St. Vincent's Church.

PHILA. STOCK SUMMARY

Table with columns for stock names (Alliance Assurance, American Gas, etc.) and prices (Divid, 1914, 1915, High, Low).

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS

The banks and trade exchanges were closed in observance of New Year's Day, a legal holiday, and wholesale business is all lines was practically suspended.

DEATHS

Mary Brown, of the Paris Region, County of France, died on Saturday, at 8:30 a. m., from St. Charles at High Street, at the residence of her mother, Mrs. M. M. Brown, 1014 Locust street.

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